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Mr George A. Carver, Jr
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Dear Mr Carver

On behalf of the SPAD DRIVERS REUNION, it is my distinct privilege to invite you to be the Guest Speaker at our annual banquet which begins at 2000 hours, 7 November 1970, in the Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. We expect over 100 veteran Air Force A-1 pilots from the 1st, 6th, 22nd, and 602nd Special Operations Squadrons to attend this gala reunion. Among those to be honored at the banquet is Lt Colonel Bernard F. Fisher--a former A-1 pilot and the first Air Force Medal of Honor winner in Vietnam.

Our group is not unmindful of the heavy demands on your time and the necessity of limiting guest appearances. However, we feel that our organization's distinguished record and "unique" involvement in Southeast Asia warrant a speaker of your stature. You are, of course, familiar with the group's instrumental role against the communist forces in BARREL ROLL and STEEL TIGER, to name just two operational areas. Additionally, the A-1 pilots also participated in virtually every other operation during the United States' long involvement in Southeast Asia. The dedication with which these pilots tackled their hazardous missions is well known throughout the Air Force and your agency.

As you know, the Commanding General of the military region encompassing BARREL ROLL attended our first reunion in 1968. This was certainly a signal honor. You will do us a like honor by accepting this invitation.

Sincerely

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